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**NAME**  
**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**  
**ADDRESS**  
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SUBJECT: Project ID: 5350-02-00/70  
City of Janesville, Center Avenue  
(Nicolet Street to Court Street)  
US 51  
Rock County

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Janesville, is in the process of finalizing plans for a pavement replacement project on US 51 (Center Ave) in Janesville, Rock County. The project begins near the intersection of Nicolet Street and extends north to the McKinley Street intersection. The project will replace pavement, storm sewer, water main, curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and pedestrian curb ramps. Construction is currently scheduled for 2024. A segment of the corridor between the railroad bridge south of Delavan Drive and the Rock River Bridge will not be included in the 2024 construction and instead will be resurfaced in 2025.

This letter is to inform you the trees designated as needing removal that are located in the Center Avenue public terraces will be cleared this winter. There are also several trees that will require trimming to provide adequate sight distances at the intersections. The trees designated for removal and trimming were shown on exhibits that were displayed at the Public Involvement Meetings held during the last two years. Copies of these exhibits can be viewed on the Project's website located at:

- <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-janesville/default.aspx>

Although the roadway construction will start in the Spring of 2024, the removal of the trees during winter months help reduce impacts to species that may reside or roost in the trees during the summer months. The removal of the tree stumps and roots will be included with the 2024 roadway construction operations.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the planned tree removals and trimming. Please feel free to contact me by mail at 2101 Wright Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53704-2583, by email at [Jim.Simpson@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Jim.Simpson@dot.wi.gov) or by phone at (608) 246-5628.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Simpson".

Jim Simpson, P.E., P.L.S.  
WisDOT Project Manager